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The Security Council,

Recalling its resolutions on the situation on the Middle East,

Taking note of and acting upon the letter dated 6 December 2023 of the Secretary-General, under Article 99 of the Charter of the United Nations, addressed to the President of the Security Council ([S/2023/962](#)),

Expressing grave concern over the catastrophic humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip and the suffering of the Palestinian civilian population, and *emphasizing* that the Palestinian and Israeli civilian populations must be protected in accordance with international humanitarian law,

1. *Demands* an immediate humanitarian ceasefire;
2. *Reiterates* its demand that all parties comply with their obligations under international law, including international humanitarian law, notably with regard to the protection of civilians;



3. *Demands* the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages, as well as ensuring humanitarian access;
 4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Council on an urgent and continuing basis on the state of implementation of the present resolution;
 5. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.
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